

WEATHER—RAIN; WARMER.

**GROWTH! GROWTH!**  
The Publishers' Records for the week ending March 23, 1901, kept in the office of every morning paper in New York City show three things:  
1ST—That The World published 58 1/2 columns of advertising in the week ending last Saturday.  
2D—That this is more than was published by any other paper.  
3D—That this was 33 columns more than The World itself published the same week last year.

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# TWO STATES TORNADO-SWEPT; HUNDREDS HURT, MANY KILLED

## MRS. ERTEL ON TRIAL FOR SHOOTING GEORGE DEGES.

**The Betrayed Husband  
Weeps When He Sees  
His False Wife Take  
Her Place at the Bar.**

In the Criminal Branch of the County Court, Brooklyn, Mrs. Margaret Ertel is on trial to-day for the murder of George Deges, who took her away from her husband.

Though she has told her husband that she no longer loves him and is unworthy of the name of wife, Ertel was in court to-day to help her in whatever way he can.

Mrs. Ertel's plea will be self-defense. "I have never regretted killing him," she said. "He was an unnatural brute. He took me away from my husband. That was not hard to do. Ertel was a cold, silent man. Deges was handsome and rich. He treated me shamefully, though. Once when I caught him making love to another woman I threw a bottle at his face. A week before I killed him we had agreed to separate. The morning of the murder he came home drunk.

"An unnatural passion seized him. He grabbed me by the throat, throwing me against the wall. Then he pressed me down across the bed, his knee on my breast and his hand at my throat. He tried to draw a pillow over my face to smother me. It was his life or mine, and I slipped my arm under the pillow and got my revolver. I did not try to kill him, but shot to draw the attention of the police.

Ertel burst into tears when his wife entered the court-room, and the boy stood up as though to run forward to greet her. The woman scanned the crowd to find them, but they were hidden from her view. She sat unmoved through the proceedings. The entire day was spent by Assistant District-Attorney Frank McCloskey and ex-Judge Tilden, the woman's attorney, in examining jurors.

### TRIED SUICIDE IN PARK.

**Albert Fikar Swallowed Carbolic Acid in a Pagoda.**

Albert E. Fikar, who lives with his mother and stepfather at No. 1123 Park avenue, attempted suicide in Central Park this afternoon by swallowing carbolic acid. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and will live.

Fikar is employed as a collector for a real estate agent named Budwender. This afternoon he entered one of the pagodas in the park near Seventy-fifth street and Fifth avenue, and was discovered ten minutes later by Policeman Kavanagh. He was dying. In his pockets were 16 dollars and over \$300 in checks. No reason for his attempt at suicide is known.

### SEIZED A STOKES CAFE.

**Suit for \$3,500 Resulted in Sheriff's Visit to Beaver Street.**

The Hoffman House Cafe, at No. 7 Beaver street, was seized by the Sheriff this afternoon. There was no excitement, and the patrons of the place did not know that anything unusual had happened.

At the office of David McClure, counsel for Leary & Co., it was said that the seizure resulted from a suit for \$3,500, and that a bond would be filed and business continued as usual.

### Bishop Sweeney Dead.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 25.—Rev. John Sweeney, D. D., died at Silver Falls, three miles from the city, to-day. Bishop Sweeney had been the head of the Roman Catholic Church in St. John since 1869, when he was consecrated Bishop. He had been a priest since 1844. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland eighty years ago.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 4 P. M. To-day for New York City and vicinity—Occasional rains, with light to dense fog to-night and Tuesday; slightly warmer to-night; brisk easterly winds.

### Twentieth Century Progress

Is exemplified in the equipment, operation and comfort of the Pennsylvania Limited, leaving New York daily.



MRS. MARGARET ERTEL.

## CZAR, STARTLED, CALLS COUNCIL.

**Cossacks Refuse to Attack Crowds  
—Prince Viasemski  
Resigns.**

BERLIN, March 25.

An extraordinary Council of Ministers under the personal presidency of the Czar, is in session at Sarskoe-Selo, the summer palace near St. Petersburg, debating steps to stop the revolutionary outbreaks all over the Empire.

It is asserted that the gravity of the situation is growing, that the Cossack officers have practically refused to lead their men against women and defenseless men, and that Prince Viasemski, a member of the Council of the Empire, has resigned as a protest against the extreme measures taken by the Government.

Rioting continues in St. Petersburg and Kieff.

### UNCENSORED NEWS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday, March 23.—A Ministerial Council was held at Sarskoe-Selo (the summer residence of the Czar, seventeen miles south of St. Petersburg) yesterday under the Presidency of the Czar, to discuss the riots, whose continuation to-morrow is anticipated.

The delegates of the students, at a meeting yesterday, withdrew their previous invitation to assemble to-morrow. This step was taken in order to prevent the police from arresting those who have taken an active part in the agitation for the students' liberties and university reforms and drafting them into the army. In spite of this it is feared that the workmen will assemble, as

strikes are threatening to break out to-night. Several large forces of troops, accounted for active service, marched through the streets to-day, presumably toward the suburbs, to check the workmen of certain factories, who have been warned against entering the city Sunday under the penalty of losing their positions.

In military circles it is reported that the officers of the Cossack Guard Regiment have positioned the authorities not to employ them henceforth in suppressing riots, holding that pitting them against defenseless men and women is beneath their dignity.

Lieutenant-General Prince Viasemski, a member of the Imperial Council, who protested against the conduct of the police and Cossacks, has resigned, according to report.

Practically all the higher educational institutions are idle, including, according to to-day's information, the Kharkoff, Odessa, Kazan and Kieff Universities.

A student named Bobritsky, who was wounded in the Kharkoff riots, died the following day.

### 100,000 REBEL AGAINST CZAR.

**Workmen in the Province of  
Vladimir Clash with  
Troops.**

LONDON, March 25.—An insurrection in which 100,000 Russian workmen are concerned has broken out in the province of Vladimir.

A Prefect has been killed in one of several conflicts.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.  
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. 25c.

## 40 KILLED, MOBILE HEARS; MEMPHIS FEELS STORM.

MOBILE, Ala., March 25.—From forty to one hundred people are reported here as killed in Birmingham. In one place four full squares were wiped out, and in another place out of six squares only four houses are standing and these are very badly damaged. The section known as Brown Hill was totally destroyed.

The weather office says the storm travelled in a northwesterly direction of eight miles an hour.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 25.—A terrible wind storm accompanied by heavy rain passed over this section. Fences were blown down and houses unroofed throughout the country.

### RESULTS AT LITTLE ROCK.

FIRST RACE—Harry Duke 1, Morris Volmer 2, Jim Gate 3.  
SECOND RACE—Jordan 1, Anna Louise 2, Miss Cora 3.

### TORPEDO-BOAT TINGEY LAUNCHED.

BALTIMORE, March 25.—The new United States torpedo-boat Tingeey was launched this morning. Miss Anna T. Craven, of Thokahoe, N. Y., daughter of the late Rear Admiral Craven, christened the boat.

### LODGING-HOUSE PROPRIETOR KILLS HIMSELF.

Andrew Ross, proprietor of a lodging-house at No. 2 First avenue, shot himself to-day.

## MRS. SEXTON CLEVER AS SHE IS PRETTY.

**Bride of the Health Commissioner Will Prove a  
Safe Adviser to Her Busy Husband.**



MRS. JOHN B. SEXTON.

(From her latest photograph, the first ever published.)

The announcement of his marriage by the President of the Health Board created much surprise among his friends and relatives. Mr. Sexton refused to discuss it. But another surprise quickly followed when it was learned that the bride had given the pastor of St. Agnes's, Brooklyn, where they were married, to understand she was a widow.

### Colored Man Resigns.

Deputy Assistant District-Attorney James D. Carr, the only colored man who ever acted in that capacity in this country, at the request of District-Attorney Philbin tendered his resignation to-day. Mr. Carr was appointed by Col. Gardner.

### Dunn's Successor In.

Mayor Van Wyck has signed the resolution of the Board of Aldermen electing John V. Cogges to the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Alderman Frank Dunn, of the Twenty-fourth Assembly District.

## Part of Birmingham, Ala., Destroyed and Fifteen Persons Killed There—Twenty-five Known to Be Dead Altogether and Five Hundred Reported Injured —Storm Moving Toward Atlanta, Ga.

Despatches from the South late this afternoon show that the tornado which wrecked Birmingham, Ala., has swept through two States.

Fifteen dead have been recovered in Birmingham and ten in Irondale and other places. A Kansas City telegram says fifty dead have been found at Irondale, but a Birmingham despatch says three were killed at the former place and fifteen injured.

A large cotton mill at Lynnvile, Ga., has been destroyed. It is not known whether any lives were lost.

Some despatches say 500 persons were injured and others put the list at 1,000.

## DETAILS OF THE STORM'S HAVOC.

BIRMINGHAM, March 25.—In a tornado which swept over Jones Valley, where Birmingham is located, to-day, twenty-five lives are estimated to have been lost, 500 persons injured and immense damage was done to property. Between 9 and 10 A. M. the storm raged with great violence. Such havoc was created that up to 12.30 o'clock this afternoon the number of casualties had not been definitely fixed.

Twenty-five dead was, however, the general estimate. Of these seven were killed at Irondale, about fifteen in the city of Birmingham and others in suburban towns.

Among the known dead are the following:

Dr. G. C. CHAPMAN, prominent physician of this city, killed by falling debris in Mentor's store, on South Twentieth street.

Mrs. ROBERT J. LOWE, wife of the Chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

INFANT SON of Mrs. Lowe, both killed at their residence on South Highlands.

J. ALEXANDER, merchant, killed in his store at Avenue J and Twenty-fourth street.

W. P. DICKERSON, bookkeeper, killed in Mentor's store on South Twentieth street.

DAUGHTER of B. B. Hudson, merchant.

LIZZIE GLINN, colored.

CARRIE HENRY, colored.

LIZZIE GOODLOE, colored.

CARRIE HUDSON, colored.

MAGGIE BLEVINS, colored.

J. MYRO, colored.

FANNIE STEADSMIRE, negro cook for B. B. Hudson.

Among the fatally injured are: Mrs. R. H. THOMAS and Mrs. W. H. THOMAS, wife and mother of a prominent real-estate agent.

Seeking for the Victims.

The storm did its worst damage in the vicinity of Avenues I and J, from Tenth to Thirtieth street, wrecking scores of buildings and creating terrible havoc.

The entire fire and police departments turned out to render aid and are still engaged in taking the dead and injured from the debris and sending them to undertaking shops and hospitals.

At Pratt City the roof of the Brick High School was blown away and the First Methodist Church was wrecked. Dozens of negro cabins were demolished. The commissariat of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company was blown down.

Reports of great damage to growing crops and to farm-houses in the vicinity are coming in.

Birmingham and North Birmingham were considerably damaged. At Irondale the extent of the damage is not yet known, but it is stated that five stores were demolished and seven persons were killed.

A reporter who went to Irondale to investigate and create a terrible havoc, telephoned at 2 o'clock this afternoon that three persons were killed at that place and ten injured.

The dead are G. W. Gardner, a carpenter, and two children of Clarence Hunter, colored.

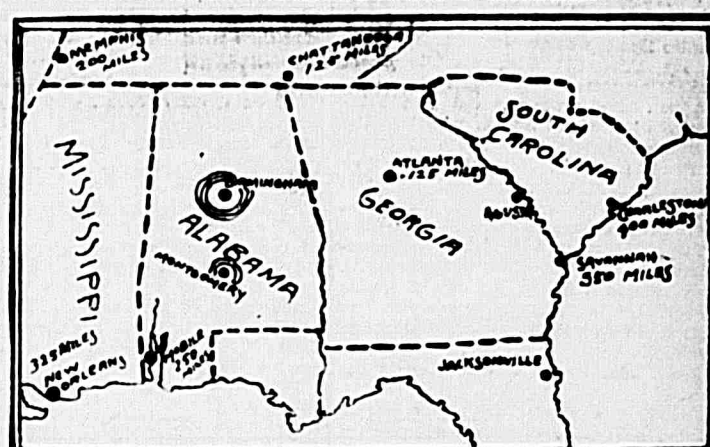
Half a dozen forces were blown down and there were many narrow escapes.

In Birmingham the death list stood at fifteen at 2 P. M. The fifteenth body found was that of a child of B. B. Hudson.

### The Connecting Link

Between New York and the Middle West is the Pennsylvania Railroad, the natural short line to Chicago and St. Louis.

### WHERE THE TORNADO RAGED.



Map showing the section of Alabama swept by a storm which claimed twenty-five lives.

son, a well-known commission merchant who resides in Avenue I.

The total number of injured in Birmingham proper is not known as it is impossible to get anything like a full list.

There is only one wire into Birmingham, and that is a Western Union wire by way of Nashville. The other wires of the Western Union, all the Postal wires and the railroad wires are down.

Western Union wires are working as far as Leeds, on the Georgia Pacific, and a telegram from that point states that the tornado passed north of there.

The highlands are on the south side of the city on a high ridge overlooking the whole valley in which Birmingham is situated. It is the fashionable quarter and many handsome residences have been built there.

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## RICH PART OF CITY RUINED.

## A COTTON MILL IS DESTROYED.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 25.—A special received here from Lynnvile, Ga., states that the large cotton mill at that place, owned by Roncville Bros., of Rome, Ga., was destroyed by the storm. It is not known whether any one was injured.

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